



Monksdown Mail

Where Children Come First

Designated Safeguarding Leads :



Mrs Russell and
Mrs Stewart
Deputy-Mrs Price

Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Families of Monksdown

Year 1 explored the 1960s, focusing on the music and cultural impact of The Beatles. They celebrated their learning with a fun "Beatles Day," which was enjoyed by both children and staff. The children arrived in fantastic 1960s-style outfits or dressed as their favourite band member, showing great creativity and enthusiasm. Their costumes helped bring the era to life and created a lively atmosphere in the classrooms.

Throughout the day, the children listened to some of the band's most famous songs, learned interesting facts about their lives and explored what everyday life was like in the 1960s. They particularly enjoyed comparing past and present and discussing how music has changed over time.

Mrs Price



★ Our Stars ★

Nur	Hallie Kirner
R1	Anaia Fera
R2	Joseph Fearon
R3	Penelope Roscoe
1.1	Heidi Holland
1.2	Milena Krzyzak
1.3	Evie Baller
2.1	Sara Cibiz
2.2	Jacob Hampson
2.3	Wendy Connolly
3.1	Kailen Stuart
3.2	Micah Aadum
3.3	Vinnie Patterson
4.1	Daniela Chitoraga
4.2	Harrison Potter
4.3	Igor Zgorski
5.1	Sonny Walker
5.2	Tehilah Manuwa Elohor
5.3	Amber Williams
6.1	Michael Osharode
6.2	Anastasia Susinska
6.3	Jacob Loughlin

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 24th March and

Wednesday 25th March

Parents' evening

Friday 27th March

School closes at 2pm for the
Easter Break

Monday 23rd March

Year 6 SATs and Redridge

Eid Mubarak to all of our families celebrating this weekend. We hope you have a wonderful time celebrating with family, friends and loved ones.



Year 5 Geography Fieldtrips

On Monday, Year 5 set off on an exciting exploration of our local counties, visiting two cathedral towns to compare them with Liverpool. Half of the year group travelled to Blackburn, while the other half visited the historic city of Chester.

Throughout the day, the children became real geographers, investigating tourist attractions, transport links, population, and religions within each town. They also observed everyday life in the areas they visited. In Blackburn, for example, the children noticed how many market traders preferred customers to pay with cash rather than card, and they explored the variety of foods being sold on the markets.

Back in school, the children used all the fascinating information they gathered to create detailed two-page spreads about the towns they visited. They also added new discoveries to their history timelines, helping them build a deeper understanding of how these places have developed over time.



Attendance

Here are the attendance and punctuality winners for the week 9th March to 13th March 2026

Best punctuality

KS1 and EYFS – R2 - 1 late

KS2 – 5.3 - 4 late

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KS1 – 1.3	KS 1- 2.3	KS1 – 2.2	
KS2 – 4.3	KS2 – 5.1	KS2 – 4.2	

Easter Raffle

Mandarin Club are selling tickets for the Easter raffle to raise money. Tickets will cost £1 each and will be on sale every day for the next few weeks. Here are a selection of the prizes available.



Checkmate at Monksdown

Monksdown Primary proudly hosted the local chess tournament this week, bringing together young players for a showcase of skill, strategy and determination. Our pupils represented the school exceptionally well, demonstrating not only their growing chess abilities but also great sportsmanship throughout the event. They worked incredibly hard in preparation and during each match and their effort and focus were clear to see.



Half Marathon Achievement

A big congratulations to these three who have achieved their **Half Marathon Band!**

They have each completed **11 x 2km runs**, reaching this fantastic milestone through dedication and determination. Every week they continue to **improve their times**, showing real commitment and progress. Keep up the amazing work – we're proud of you!





AT DIXONS FAZAKERLEY ACADEMY
 SHERWOODS LANE, FAZAKERLEY, L10 1LB

STARTING THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2026

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR (PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))



Group 1	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Ages 4 - 6
Group 2	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Ages 7 - 8
Group 3	7:30pm – 8:30pm	Ages 9 - 12

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis **EVERY THURSDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive an engraved merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £8 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£32) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. **We have the use of excellent facilities including the large sports hall and outdoor pitches.**

TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT
FAZAKERLEY + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP NUMBER (1,2or3)
 and receive confirmation by text

07856 315 637

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)



LivPaC

Coffee and Connect Session



Tuesday 24th March | 6pm - 8pm | Online



An Educational Psychologist and Assistant Educational Psychologist will be present to provide drop-in advice for parents and carers who have children who struggle to cope with change. This session will involve discussion around how children and young people may be supported to improve their ability to manage transitions including working collaboratively with school staff.

You must book on:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ddqFXu8SSSO>

and you will then be sent a link to join the session



Dear Parent or Guardian

The Easter HAF programme starts on the 30th March with free activities, and a meal, for every eligible child that attends. Children and young people, from reception to age 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the Easter break including SEND specific provision. There's a great range of activities across the city including Easter Egg Hunts, Easter egg decorating, Easter bonnet making, trips out, dance, rock climbing, cooking, STEM-style challenges, make up sessions, golf, cycling, gymnastics, circus skills and virtual reality plus much, much more.

There is a central booking system to make it easier for you to find and book the activities. You can find out where your nearest scheme is by clicking on this link <https://eequ.org/liverpoolhaf> or using the QR code which will take you to the Liverpool HAF page and the easy to fill in booking system. You can search by age, provider or date. There is a handy booking help video here - [How to make a booking](#)



If you are struggling with the cost of living then please use this link for further information: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. You can use this link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Easter HAF programme. This programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides lots of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#).

Regards

Sally Dobbing

Holiday Activities and Food Project Manager

Liverpool City Council ASD Training Team

ASD Course

Date: 31st March, 7th and 14th April

Time: 9.30am till 12pm

Venue: Virtual Zoom sessions.

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a course on Autistic Spectrum Disorder (Your child must have an ASD diagnosis) The course will allow you to build your knowledge on autism and meet / share information with other parents.

(All three sessions need to be attended to complete the course).

If you wish to attend, please contact the team on the email below.

Email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops.

[Liverpool ASD Training Team | Liverpool Family Information & SEND Directory](#)

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

ASD Training Team

Liverpool City Council ASD Training Team

Social Communication/Social Interaction

Two session virtual workshop

Running on 1st and 8th April 2026 or 2nd and 9th April 2026

Time: 9.30am – 12 noon

Venue: Virtual Zoom

Dear Parent/Carer,

If you have early concerns about social communication and interaction or your child is awaiting assessment from the ASD pathway, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend the above workshop on Social Communication and Social Behaviour.

Session 1:

Overview to build your understanding of the areas that may cause difficulties/gaps for you child and strategies to support.

Session 2:

Question/Answer opportunity to discuss specific areas of concerns.

You need to attend session 1 to access session 2.

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ASD Training Team

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CHILDREN'S WELLBEING EVENTS

Wellbeing Warriors, children age 8+, fun wellbeing activities, 1st Tuesday each month, West Derby 6.30pm

Family Mindfulness Sessions, 3rd Tuesday each month, West Derby 6.30pm

Girl's Only Water Wellbeing age 10+ Thursdays 7.45pm, term time only. Dixons Broadgreen School

Children's Water Wellbeing age 8+ boys & girls. Saturdays 1.45pm, term time only. Dixons Broadgreen School

Wellbeing Warriors. Monthly session for children in year 5 to promote happiness and holistic health.

EASTER at Bright Park 4th April (Paid Event)



ADULT'S WELLBEING EVENTS

Spring Clean Your Energy Workshop 31st March 7pm
Energy Balancing & Relaxation Meditation with crystal healing, Manifestation tips, Chord cutting activity to let go of unwanted energy.

Adult's Theta Healing Meditation Class Tuesday 14th April 7.40pm. West Derby. Join us for deep relaxation and energy healing to release self limiting beliefs.

Antenatal Classes starting in March (paid service).
Outdoor First Aid Qualification 7th April (paid service).

COFFEE EVENINGS

SEND parents and carers coffee evening last Tuesday of each month 7-9pm. St Mary's Millennium Centre, West Derby. March's focus is on supporting anxiety with our expert guest speaker .



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Full information and future dates for all events can be found on the website. Please note that most events are limited in numbers so please book quickly to avoid disappointment.

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FOREST SCHOOL

All forest school locations run term time.

Little Wood Stockbridge, Mondays 10am.

Norris Green Park, Tuesdays 10am.

Karonga Gardens Fazakerley Tuesdays 1pm.

Tower Hill Eco Therapy Garden, Wednesdays 10am & 12pm

Carr Lane Woods, Prescot, Thursdays 10am

Court Farm Woods Halewood, Fridays 10am & 12pm.

Forest School Practitioner training now available.



COMMUNITY WALKS

Everyone is welcome on our community walks. Currently running once per month in various locations. Dates vary.

Wellbeing Walk, Croxteth Park, 1st April 10am



ONLINE EVENTS

Seasons Guide for Parents and Carers

Online 13th April 6pm

Hear more about our schools wellbeing program and how it can support your family.

STAY AND PLAY

Rainhill Village Hall every Thursday term time

9am-11am

Prescot Stay and play every Thursday term time

1pm-2.30pm

Millennium Centre West Derby every Friday term time

1pm-2.30pm



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Nuts in school

Several children in our school have serious nut allergies, and even a small trace can cause a severe reaction. That's why we ask everyone to avoid sending in items like peanut butter, cereal bars with nuts, or homemade treats that might contain them. It's a small change that makes a big difference in keeping all our children safe and well. We know how much care goes into preparing your child's lunch each day, and we really appreciate your support in helping us create a safe and inclusive environment.











Parent Pod

We're really pleased to share that our Parent Pod is now up and running in the large playground at the front of school! This cosy little space is there for families to pop by, connect, and make use of some helpful resources, including our uniform recycle rail, lovingly looked after each week by the wonderful Mrs Prescott. She keeps everything neat, fresh, and ready to go, so if your child needs a spare jumper, trousers, or even a PE top, please feel free to take what you need. No forms, no fuss, just a helping hand when you need it. Using the uniform recycle isn't just practical, it's also a great way to support the environment. By reusing good-quality clothing, we're helping to reduce waste and avoid sending perfectly wearable items to landfill. It's a small step that makes a big difference, and we're proud to be building a more sustainable school community together. Thank you for your support, and do stop by the Parent Pod next time you're on the playground!






School Lunch Menu

w/c 23rd Mar	 Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Carrot & Coriander	Broccoli & Cheddar	Chef Choice	Pea Soup	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS	Tomato & Basil Pasta 	Homemade Chicken Korma with wholegrain Rice, Green Beans & Chutney	Rich Sausage & Lentil Ragu with Mash	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fish Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas
	Meat Free Burritos with Salad 	Vegetable & Lentil Stew 	Veggie Fingers 	Spanish Omelette with Salad 	Veggie Sausage Roll with Chips & Garden Peas 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about today's special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad 	Apple Flapjacks	Iced Sponge Cake	'Chocolate' Fudge Cake	Cheese & Crackers



Available Daily: Jacket potatoes with tuna, cheese or beans, salad, hummus, fresh fruit and yoghurt

Please speak to a member of staff about dietary requirements. All menus are checked by a nutritionist and adhere to School Food Standards.




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w/c 13 th April	 Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Carrot & Coriander	Red Pepper Soup	Tomato & Basil	Broccoli & Cheddar	Leek & Potato
HOT MAINS	Wholemeal Pizza, Wedges & Beans 	Chicken Fajitas with Tortilla Chips	All Day Breakfast	Wholemeal Spaghetti Bolognese	Fish Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas
	Meat Free Burritos 	Roasted Red Pepper Quiche with Salad 	Asian Noodles 	Puy Lentil Shepherd's Pie with Baby Carrots 	Veggie Burger in a Bun with Chips 
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about today's special!				
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad	Ginger Biscuits	Barabirith	Fresh Fruit Trifle	Cheese & Crackers



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Bikes and Scooters

If your child has accidentally come home with a scooter or bike that isn't theirs, please can it be returned to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Snacks and Drinks

Children in KS2 (Years 3—6) may bring a **HEALTHY** snack to eat at break time .This should not include crisps, sweets or chocolate.

Some suggestions:

- Fresh Fruit or Dried Fruit
- Low Sugar cereal bars that are not chocolate coated
- Crackers
- Vegetable sticks

We encourage children to drink water in school. If your child cannot drink water then a sugar free juice may be brought into school. Energy drinks such as Prime and Lucozade are not permitted.

Children in Early Years (Reception) and KS1 (Years 1-2) are provided with milk and fruit free of charge.

Swimming

This term, classes 5.3 and 4.1 will have swimming every Friday morning.



Online Payments

Dinners can be paid for via School Money online.

If you have not received your log in details please contact the school office where we will be happy to help.

Bikes and Scooters - Health and Safety

Bikes, scooters, and other wheeled equipment must not be ridden on the yard during school hours. These items can pose a risk of injury to both the rider and others nearby. If bikes are brought to school, they should be walked through the yard and stored in the designated bike racks.

